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SUBJ: TARIFF TREATMENT FOR LEATHER WEARING APPAREL
TSUS 791.74 AND 791.46

REF: A) TEL AVIV 5253 B) STATE 43352

1. MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY OFFICIALS ARE ESSENTIALLY
CORRECT IN STATEMENTS REF A. INTENT OF USG IN TAKING
ACTION DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH 6 REF B WAS TO CLOSE
LOOPHOLE WHEREBY ITEMS THAT WERE ESSENTIALLY TEXTILES
WERE BEING CLASSIFIED AS LEATHER GOODS BY ADDITION OF
SMALL PIECES OF LEATHER SUFFICIENT TO MAKE CHEIF VALUE
OF ITEM LEATHER; INTENT WAS TO EXCLUDE ONLY ITEMS
WHERE TEXTILE PORTION WEIGHED MORE THAN LEATHER PORTION.
HOWEVER, POOR DRAFTING OF EXECUTIVE ORDER LED TO ITEMS
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BEING EXCLUDED WHERE TEXTILE WEIGHT IS GREATER THAN
WEIGHT OF ANY OTHER MATERIAL, THUS LEADING TO CLASSI-
FICATION OF VIRTUALLY ALL LEATHER APPAREL IN
TSUS 791.76 INSTEAD OF 791.74, AND THEIR EXCLUSION
FROM GSP.

2. WE HAVE BEEN AWARE OF THIS PROBLEM FOR SOME TIME,

AND A NEW EXECUTIVE ORDER HAS BEEN DRAFTED TO CORRECT
ERROR. THIS EXPECTED TO BE SIGNED IN NEAR FUTURE.
IN MEANTIME, US CUSTOMS SUSPENDED LIQUIDATION OF ALL

ENTRIES UNDER THESE TSUS ITEM NUMBERS BEGINNING SEVERAL
MONTHS AGO, AND ONCE NEW EXECUTIVE ORDER PUBLISHED,
IMPORTERS WILL BE REFUNDED DUTIES ON GOODS THAT ARE
PROPERLY CLASSIFIABLE IN TSUS 791.74.

3. EMBASSY SHOULD EXPLAIN SITUATION TO MINISTRY OF
INDUSTRY OFFICIALS AND TO DOMESTIC MANUFACTURER, AND
POINT OUT THAT MANUFACTURER WILL EVENTUALLY RECEIVE
GSP ON ANY LEATHER APPAREL THAT OTHERWISE QUALIFIES
FOR GSP PROVIDED WEIGHT OF TEXTILE MATERIAL IS NOT
GREATER THAN WEIGHT OF LEATHER MATERIAL. VANCE

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